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Community Facts

Bulkley-Nechako
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1 General

Incorporated in 1966, the major population centres of the Bulkley-Nechako Regional District are Smithers, Burns Lake, Houston, Fort St. James, Telkwa and Vanderhoof. This area is primarily driven by forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture.

2 Population Estimates

Annual Estimates

Year	Bulkley-Nech	% Change Prev. Year	BC	% Change Prev. Year
2007	38,474	n/a	4,309,632	n/a
2008	38,788	0.8	4,384,047	1.7
2009	38,908	0.3	4,459,947	1.7
2010	39,171	0.7	4,529,647	1.6
2011	39,371	0.5	4,573,321	1.0

Source: Statistics Canada (as of July 1, includes estimate of Census undercount)

Age Distribution

2011 Census

Bulkley-Nech	Male	Female	% Distribution, 2011 * Bulkley-Nech	% Distribution, 2011 * BC
All ages	20,005	19,205	100.0	100.0
0 - 14	4,185	3,945	20.7	15.4
15 - 24	2,715	2,475	13.2	12.6
25 - 44	4,525	4,685	23.5	26.3
45 - 64	6,150	5,720	30.3	30.0
65 +	2,435	2,385	12.3	15.7

** based on published totals, both sexes*

2006 Census Profiles can be found on our Website at http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.asp

3 Selected Census Characteristics

Characteristics	Bulkley-Nechako 2001	2006	% Change	British Columbia % Change	2001	2006
Population	40,856	38,243	- 6.4	5.3	3,907,738	4,113,487
Population (by citizenship)	40,680	38,125	- 6.3	5.3	3,868,875	4,074,385
Non-immigrant	36,125	34,000	- 5.9	2.9	2,821,870	2,904,240
Immigrant	4,470	3,980	- 11.0	10.8	1,009,820	1,119,215
Labour force (15+ yrs.)	21,630	20,670	- 4.4	8.1	2,059,950	2,226,380
Employees	18,060	17,110	- 5.3	9.2	1,715,600	1,873,050
Self-employed	3,030	2,950	- 2.6	7.4	291,455	313,000
Participation rate [ppt.=percentage points]	70.3%	69.5%	-0.8 ppt.	0.4 ppt.	65.2%	65.6%
Unemployment rate	12.6%	10.3%	-2.3 ppt.	-2.5 ppt.	8.5%	6.0%
Total population 25 to 64 years	21,605	20,600	- 4.7	6.5	2,144,050	2,284,465
No certificate, diploma or degree	6,865	4,605	- 32.9	- 40.1	471,470	282,200
High school certificate or equivalent	5,025	6,430	28.0	27.7	462,925	591,275
Apprenticeship/trades certificate or diploma	3,435	3,020	- 12.1	- 7.4	295,180	273,450
College, CEGEP or other cert. or diploma	3,375	3,320	- 1.6	11.3	401,760	447,005
University certificate, diploma or degree	2,915	3,230	10.8	34.7	512,715	690,535
Bachelor's degree	1,595	1,675	5.0	23.0	282,800	347,715
Census families	11,230	10,810	- 3.7	6.9	1,086,030	1,161,420
Lone-parent families	1,585	1,475	- 6.9	4.0	168,420	175,165
Households	14,830	14,550	- 1.9	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150
1-family households	10,885	10,420	- 4.3	6.1	1,012,925	1,074,850
Multi-family households	165	190	15.2	18.4	35,050	41,510
Non-family households	3,775	3,940	4.4	8.3	486,355	526,785
Median Income (2000 & 2005)	$ 21,706	$ 24,569	13.2	12.5	$ 22,095	$ 24,867
Males	$ 32,436	$ 37,508	15.6	9.0	$ 28,976	$ 31,598
Females	$ 14,673	$ 17,214	17.3	14.0	$ 17,546	$ 19,997
Median Family Income (2000 & 2005)	$ 57,841	$ 66,832	15.5	20.0	$ 54,840	$ 65,787
Economic Families	10,480	9,940	- 5.2	6.5	1,044,850	1,112,810
2001 Incidence, low income / 2006 Prevalence, low income	9.6%	8.9%	-0.7 ppt.	-0.6 ppt.	13.9%	13.3%
Unattached persons, 15+	4,150	4,210	1.4	4.7	576,825	603,880
Incidence, low income	27.9%	27.8%	-0.1 ppt.	-1.4 ppt.	38.1%	36.7%
Population in private hh.	37,475	34,865	- 7.0	5.1	3,785,270	3,978,215
Incidence, low income	11.0%	11.4%	0.4 ppt.	-0.5 ppt.	17.8%	17.3%
Dwellings	14,830	14,550	- 1.9	7.1	1,534,335	1,643,150
Owned	10,960	11,070	1.0	12.5	1,017,485	1,145,045
Rented	3,310	3,005	- 9.2	- 3.6	512,360	493,995
Average gross rent	$ 558	$ 561	0.5	10.4	$ 750	$ 828
Average owners' payments	$ 722	$ 754	4.4	17.1	$ 904	$ 1,059
Avg. value, owned dwel.	$ 130,660	$ 165,796	26.9	81.5	$ 230,645	$ 418,703

Source: Statistics Canada. Notes: incomes are for 2005 and 2000; rent/owner's payments are restricted to non-farm, non-reserve private dwellings.

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4 Labour Force by Industry (NAICS)

Industry	Bulkley-Nechako 2001	2006	% Change	BC % change	% Distribution, 2006 Bulkley-Nech	BC
Total labour force	21,630	20,670	- 4.4	8.1	100.0	100.0
Industry - Not applicable	430	460	7.0	- 26.6	2.2	1.5
All industries (Experienced LF)	21,200	20,215	- 4.6	8.9	97.8	98.5
111-112 Farms	845	935	10.7	5.2	4.5	1.8
113 Forestry and logging	1,485	1,485	-	- 10.0	7.2	1.0
114 Fishing, hunting and trapping	10	30	200.0	1.3	0.1	0.2
1151/2 Support activities for farms	15	45	200.0	11.3	0.2	0.1
1153 Support activities for forestry	720	570	- 20.8	- 21.5	2.8	0.3
21 Mining and oil and gas extraction	535	745	39.3	42.6	3.6	0.9
22 Utilities	75	45	- 40.0	- 3.4	0.2	0.5
23 Construction	1,075	1,005	- 6.5	39.9	4.9	7.5
31-33 Manufacturing	3,735	3,435	- 8.0	- 2.7	16.6	8.5
311 Food manufacturing	90	40	- 55.6	3.6	0.2	1.0
321 Wood product manufacturing	3,395	3,105	- 8.5	- 16.1	15.0	1.7
322 Paper manufacturing	65	65	-	- 13.5	0.3	0.6
41 Wholesale trade	335	330	- 1.5	11.6	1.6	4.1
44-45 Retail trade	2,140	1,800	- 15.9	6.9	8.7	11.2
441 Motor vehicle and parts dealers	375	275	- 26.7	9.0	1.3	1.1
445 Food and beverage stores	595	430	- 27.7	8.4	2.1	2.9
448 Clothing & clothing accessories	80	85	6.3	9.2	0.4	1.1
452 General merchandise stores	210	170	- 19.0	6.5	0.8	1.2
48-49 Transportation & warehousing	1,045	1,110	6.2	0.6	5.4	5.2
51 Information and cultural industries	205	95	- 53.7	- 5.3	0.5	2.6
52 Finance and insurance	395	310	- 21.5	4.5	1.5	3.8
53 Real estate & rental/leasing	135	315	133.3	22.1	1.5	2.3
54 Prof'sonal, scientific & tech. serv.	830	615	- 25.9	18.6	3.0	7.3
55 Mgment. of companies/ent'prises	15	15	-	126.6	0.1	0.1
56 Admin+support, waste mgmnt srv.	425	345	- 18.8	20.4	1.7	4.4
61 Educational services	1,620	1,885	16.4	9.2	9.1	6.9
62 Health care and social assistance	1,675	1,475	- 11.9	6.5	7.1	9.6
71 Arts, entertainment and recreation	315	250	- 20.6	11.3	1.2	2.3
72 Accommodation and food services	1,220	1,275	4.5	7.7	6.2	8.1
721 Accommodation services	350	355	1.4	2.5	1.7	1.7
722 Food services & drinking places	870	920	5.7	9.2	4.5	6.4
81 Other services (excl. public admin.)	850	885	4.1	11.8	4.3	4.9
91 Public administration	1,520	1,195	- 21.4	- 2.0	5.8	5.0
Special Aggregations: Agriculture, Food and Beverage	945	1,035	9.5	5.8	5.0	2.9
Special Aggregations: Fishing and Fish Processing	20	35	75.0	- 3.3	0.2	0.5
Special Aggregations: Logging and Forest Products	5,665	5,225	- 7.8	- 14.7	25.3	3.7
Special Aggregations: Mining and Mineral Products	610	830	36.1	17.1	4.0	2.1

Source: Statistics Canada. Industry according to NAICS version used in each census. Unpublished data.

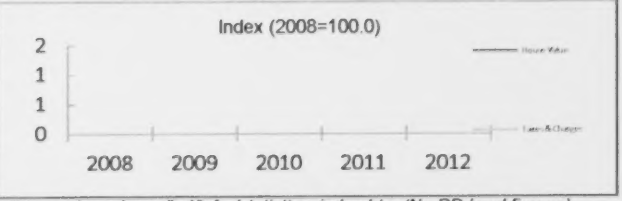
5 Business Locations- Number of Firms by Employment Size Range

	Firms with no employees		Firms with employees		% change	Bulkley-Nech RD			
	Bulkley-Nech RD	BC	Bulkley-Nech F	BC	Bulkley-Nech RD	1 to 19	20 to 49	50-199	200 Plus
2008	1,532	185,879	1,858	175,003	-	1,654	134	56	14
2009	1,416	186,541	1,782	176,124	- 4.1	1,582	135	51	14
2010	1,527	194,349	1,772	175,913	- 0.6	1,584	126	48	14
2011	1,523	195,290	1,779	173,589	0.4	1,580	139	48	12

Source: Business Register, Statistics Canada. In some areas, boundary changes/geocoding changes may cause large changes.

6 Municipal Residential Taxes and Charges on a Representative House

	Bulkley-Nechako House Value		Taxes & Charges	
Year	$	% change	$	% change
2008	n/a		n/a	
2009	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2010	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2011	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2012	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development http://www.cd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/infra/statistics_index.htm (No RD level figures)

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7 Values of Building Permits

Year	Residential Number of Units Bulkley-Nech	Residential Number of Units BC	Residential Value $'000 Bulkley-Nech	Residential Value $'000 BC	Non-Residential Value $'000 Bulkley-Nech	Non-Residential Value $'000 BC	Total Value $'000 Bulkley-Nech	Total Value $'000 BC	Year
2007	108	40,932	20,421	8,611,723	14,306	3,932,968	34,727	12,544,691	2007
2008	100	30,110	18,448	6,899,289	7,735	3,677,866	26,183	10,577,155	2008
2009	60	18,607	13,856	4,491,075	6,574	3,138,810	20,430	7,629,885	2009
2010	84	28,984	16,073	6,705,888	23,746	3,017,921	39,819	9,723,809	2010
2011	74	25,745	15,334	6,113,406	10,691	3,136,361	26,025	9,249,767	2011

Source: Statistics Canada

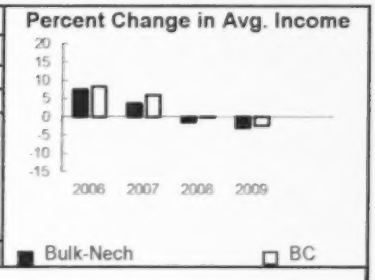
Note: Detailed non-residential permits data can be found on our Website: www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca
A dash can indicate a nil report, a value of less than $500, or non-reporting. P indicates 'preliminary'.

8 Personal Taxation Statistics

Total Income of All Returns

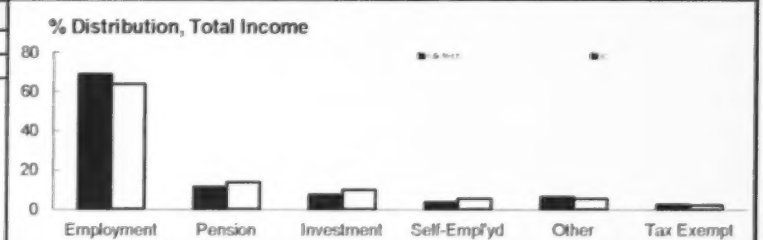
Year	All Returns (number) Bulk-Nech	All Returns (number) BC	Average Income ($) Bulk-Nech	Average Income ($) BC	% Change avg. income Bulk-Nech	% Change avg. income BC
2005	28,170	3,154,090	33,611	35,601	n/a	n/a
2006	28,140	3,165,750	36,090	38,523	7.4	8.2
2007	28,550	3,287,750	37,379	40,802	3.6	5.9
2008	28,890	3,383,640	36,835	40,736	-1.5	-0.2
2009	28,840	3,406,860	35,670	39,754	-3.2	-2.4

Taxation data available at :http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/dd/income.asp



Source of Total Income 2009

	Bulk-Nech $Thousands	Bulk-Nech % of Total	BC % of Total
Employment	706,912	68.7	63.7
Pension	116,548	11.3	13.8
Investment	76,547	7.4	9.8
Self-Employed	38,416	3.7	5.3
Other	65,660	6.4	5.3
Tax Exempt	24,628	2.4	2.0
Total	1,028,727	100.0	100.0

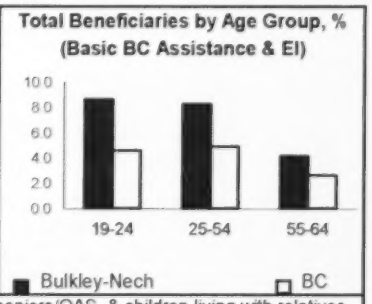


Source : Canada Revenue Agency. Areas are defined by postal codes and may not match municipal boundaries.

9 Dependency on the Safety Net

Percentage of Population by Age Receiving Benefits - September 2009

Age Group	BC Basic* Income Assistance Recipients (%) Bulkley-Nech	BC Basic* Income Assistance Recipients (%) BC	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (%) Bulkley-Nech	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries (%) BC	Total of BC Basic Income Assistance & EI Beneficiaries (%) Bulkley-Nech	Total of BC Basic Income Assistance & EI Beneficiaries (%) BC
Under 19	4.3	2.7				
19-24	4.2	2.1	4.5	2.6	8.6	4.6
25-54	2.6	1.9	5.7	3.1	8.3	4.9
55-64	1.1	0.7	3.1	2.0	4.2	2.6
19-64	2.5	1.7	5.0	2.8	7.5	4.4



* On temporary assistance only. Excluded are those on Continuous Assistance, aboriginals living on reserve, seniors/OAS, & children living with relatives.

Source: BC Stats (using administrative files from the BC Ministry of Housing & Social Development, and Human Resources & Social Development Canada)

Note: EI Beneficiareies reports now include regular, fishing and employment benefits, work sharing and support measures. The reports exclude sickness, maternity and parental benefits.

10 Business Formations and Failures

Incorporations

Year	Number Bulkley-Nech	Number BC
2007	128	34,036
2008	115	30,085
2009	71	26,431
2010	87	30,305
2011	99	30,844

Source: BC Ministry of Finance

Incorporations are counted in municipality of the registered office address which may differ from the actual business location.

Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George Business	Prince George Consumer	Nechako DR Business	Nechako DR Consumer	BC Business	BC Consumer
2005	34	330	n.a.	n.a.	786	8,168
2006	18	188	10	65	585	7,020
2007	18	168	1	51	470	6,651
2008	24	226	8	70	454	7,293
2009	19	315	4	88	380	10,639

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada

Note: Bankruptcy is by urban postal code forward sortation area and is counted where it is filed.